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McCone to Return to Capital in CIA

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President Kennedy's choice of Republican John A. McCone, former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, as the new director of the nation's highly secret Central Intelligence Agency, brings back to government a vigorous top-flight executive who associates say has a quick, wide-ranging mind. His special flair: analyzing complex problems for fast solutions.

The President called a special meeting with newsmen Wednesday to announce the appointment of the wealthy West Coast businessman and shipbuilder to the \$21,000-a-year job.

Mr. Kennedy introduced Mr. McCone and the man he is succeeding, Allen W. Dulles, as two who have made per-

sonal sacrifices to serve their country.

Service Called Privilege

Both said they regarded service to the nation a privilege.

Messrs. McCone and Dulles flew from Washington this morning to nearby Quonset Point Naval Air Station and shuttled by helicopter to Hammersmith Farm, where the President is spending a week's vacation with his family.

White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said the final decision to appoint Mr. McCone was made Wednesday morning. The two visitors met for half an hour on the patio outside the farmhouse before going by boat to the Naval War College auditorium for the announcement.

Mr. McCone is to join Mr. Dulles in the CIA in about two weeks and is to take over when Mr. Dulles retires in November.

After the doomed Cuban invasion attempt last spring, the CIA was criticized for its intelligence-training role, but Mr. Kennedy did nothing to make Mr. Dulles the scapegoat.

Survey Prompted

Mr. Kennedy did start intensive surveys of the nation's intelligence capabilities. The administration reportedly has studied proposals that the CIA's functions be split so that undercover operations are directed separately from spying

and more public methods of collecting security information.

The President, however, has not announced any over-all change in the intelligence set-up.

Mr. Kennedy, announcing Mr. McCone's appointment, praised Mr. Dulles as a man who has a record, "almost unique if not unique in the history of this country."

Under 8 Presidents

He has served under eight Presidents of the United States, beginning with President Wilson in World War I—Presidents of different parties.

"I know of no man who is a more courageous, selfless public servant than Mr. Allen Dulles," the President said.

He said Mr. Dulles has agreed to serve as a consultant on intelligence matters, "and therefore his long experience will be available to the people of this country."

Mr. Dulles called his successor "the ideal choice for a man to carry on this important work."

Mr. McCone said it will be difficult to fill Mr. Dulles' shoes, but "I will do my best."

Mr. McCone headed the AEC during the final three years of former President Eisenhower's administration. Previously he was Undersecretary of the Air Force for more than a year in the Truman administration.

During World War II Mr. McCone headed the California Shipbuilding Corporation, which built nearly 500 ships. Since then he also has been the builder and operator of a tanker fleet.